

**MINUTES**  
**STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING**  
**9:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 16, 2008**  
**Indiana State Department of Agriculture**  
**Conference Room B**  
**101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1200**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46204**

**Attended**

Larry Clemens  
Warren Baird  
Bob Eddleman  
Jim Cherry  
Gary Conant  
Bill Mann  
Nola Gentry via speaker phone

**Others in Attendance**

Jim Droege - IASWCD  
Tammy Lawson - ISDA  
Jerod Chew - ISDA  
Jeannie Keating - ISDA  
Kelly Gentry - ISDA  
Amy Eizinger - ISDA  
Jennifer Boyle - IASWCD  
Katie Nickas – Indiana AgriNews

- I. 9:07 AM: Call to Order**
- II. Draft Minutes of August 2008**

*Bill Mann moved to approve the minutes as presented. Gary Conant seconded and the motion carried.*

**III. Leadership Development**

**A. District Requests – Kelly Gentry – No Requests**

**B. CWI Requests – Amy Eizinger**

Crawford County – See Attachment

*Warren Baird moved to approve Crawford's extension request. Mann seconded and the motion carried.*

Henry County – See Attachment

*Baird moved to approve Henry's extension request. Conant seconded and the motion carried.*

Ohio County – See Attachment

*Baird moved to approve Ohio's request. Discussion followed on deadlines. Eddleman seconded and the motion carried.*

Jefferson County – See Attachment

*Eddleman moved to approve Jefferson's reallocation request. Baird seconded and the motion carried.*

Rush County – See Attachment

*Eddleman moved to approve Rush's reallocation request. Conant seconded and the motion carried.*

Sullivan County – See Attachment

*Larry Clemens moved to approve Sullivan's reallocation request. Discussion followed on the expiration of the grant. Baird seconded and the motion carried.*

Tippecanoe County – See Attachment

*Mann moved to approve Tippecanoe's reallocation request. Baird seconded and the motion carried.*

Vanderburgh County – See Attachment

*Baird moved to approve the Vanderburgh's extension request. Eddleman seconded and the motion carried.*

Wayne County – See Attachment

Discussion followed on when to set the new deadline. Baird suggested setting the deadline at the end of 2008.

*Baird moved to approve Wayne's extension request with the new deadline of December 1, 2008. Clemens seconded. Discussion followed and the motion carried.*

**C. SSCB Board Reports and Discussion**

**1. SSCB Chairman's Report – Nola Gentry – No Report**

**2. SSCB Sub-Committee Reports and Recommendations**

**a. Executive Committee Report and Recommendations – Nola Gentry – No Report**

**b. CWI Grants Committee Report and Recommendations – Warren Baird**

**i. Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant Recommendation (SNRG) - See Attachment**

Baird reported 59 counties applied for SNRG totaling \$543,887. The Grants Committee was pleased to see high quality applications. After scoring, the board awarded 31 districts the SNRG totaling \$284,887. Those counties include Adams, Allen, Clark, Crawford, DeKalb, Elkhart, Greene, Hamilton, Hendricks, Huntington, Kosciusko, Madison, Newton, Owen, Porter, Posey, Pulaski, Putnam, Ripley, Scott, Shelby, Steuben, Sullivan, Switzerland, Tipton, Vanderburgh, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White and Whitley.

The Grants Committee also recommended using the remaining \$265,113 CWI funds for the Emergency Conservation Assistance Program (ECAP). Baird suggested the 35 disaster counties that already get ECAP money should not be included in the new ECAP money. These funds should go to the remaining counties.

*Eddleman moved to accept the Grant Committee's recommendations and award the CWI Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grants for Adams, Allen, Clark, Crawford, DeKalb, Elkhart, Greene, Hamilton, Hendricks, Huntington, Kosciusko, Madison, Newton, Owen, Porter, Posey, Pulaski, Putnam, Ripley, Scott, Shelby, Steuben, Sullivan, Switzerland, Tipton, Vanderburgh, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White and Whitley Counties and allocate the remaining \$265,113 CWI funds to the Emergency Conservation Assistance Program. Clemens seconded and the motion carried.*

**ii. Allocating New ECAP Funds**

Lawson explained if districts already submitted an ECAP proposal then they do not need to resubmit it. Districts are allowed to edit their proposal if they like. Also, if a district did not submit an ECAP proposal then those districts have time to get a proposal in. Lawson mentioned these districts do not include the 35 disaster counties that already get part of the \$1.2 million ECAP funds. Lawson recommended putting those 35 counties at the bottom of the list, if they apply for more funds. Then, at the end if there is money left over then distribute the remaining funds to those 35 districts.

Jim Cherry recommend Eddleman and Lawson work together to make decisions on the new ECAP funds for the board until the next meeting. Clemens suggested Eddleman and Baird make decisions on behalf of the board since Baird is the chair of the Grant Committee. More discussion followed.

*Mann moved to approve the recommendation for Eddleman and Baird to make decisions on the new ECAP funds until the next SSCB meeting. Larry seconded and motion carried.*

- c. District Capacity Committee Report and Recommendations – Bob Eddleman – No Report

#### **IV. Division Report**

- A. CREP Update – Tammy Lawson – See Attachment  
Discussion followed on Conner Prairie. Lawson also reported she and Gail Peas, FSA, submitted the CREP amendment to Washington and they are still waiting to hear back. The amendment will include 8 additional watersheds along the Wabash River and White Rivers.
- B. Clean Water Indiana Grants – Amy Eizinger – See Attachment
- C. Technical Support Update – Jerod Chew  
ECAP Agreement Form – See Attachment  
Discussion followed on the guidelines of filling out the ECAP agreement form. Standards are listed in the ECAP guidance documents.

Chew also reported on staff updates. Ed Sprunger has left his position as a Resource Specialist in the Northeast region. He will now be working for NRCS as a Soil Conservationist in Angola, IN. Wesley Slain has left his position as a Resource Specialist Team Leader in the Central Southeast region. He will now be working for NRCS as a District Conservationist New Castle, IN. Applications are currently being reviewed for the RS position in the Northeast region. Interviews will be scheduled soon.

- D. District Support Update – Tammy Lawson  
Lawson reported Sara Slater-Atwater is still working with the DSC on ECAP. The DSC team has also been putting together a report of all the assessment and ECAP work and we will be sending the report to Washington to support the request for additional federal disaster funding.

- V. Leadership Development Workgroup Update – Jennifer Boyle – No Report
- VI. Delivery System Workgroup Update – Jerod Chew – No Report
- VII. Funding Workgroup Update – Bob Eddleman – No Report
- VIII. Accountability Workgroup Update – Deb Fairhurst – No Report
- IX. Technology Workgroup Update – Jane Hardisty – No Report
- X. Outreach Workgroup Update – Jim Droege – No Report
- XI. Conservation Partner Reports
  - A. DNR Report – Gary Langell – No Report
  - B. IDEM Report – Marylou Renshaw – See Attachment
  - C. Purdue Report – Gary Steinhardt – No Report
  - D. IASWCD President's Report – Jim Droege – No Report
  - E. Farm Services Agency Report – Gail Peas – No Report
  - F. NRCS State Conservationist's Report – Jane Hardisty – See Attachment
  - G. SWCD Foundation Report – Christa Jones – No Report

#### **XII. Public Comment**

Kelly Gentry reported the updated SWCD election forms are on the ISDA-DSC website. DSS should be contacting each district within the next couple weeks. SWCDs need to contact their DSS if they have questions in regards to the forms. The first forms are due November 1, 2008.

#### **XIII. Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at ISDA, 9:00 AM.**

#### **XIV. Adjourn 10:34 AM**